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FRIDAY

Drop it like it's the 12th day

The deadline to drop any courses without your dean's approval is today at 4 p.m.

'A kind of excellent dumb discourse.'

Austin Shakespeare is staging Shakespeare's "The Tempest," at The Long Center's Rollins Theater. Show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets \$25 each.

SATURDAY

'Howl'

First Texas screening of the film depicting events surrounding the release of Allen Ginsburg's infamous poem. Screening at the Alamo Drafthouse on South Lamar. 7 p.m.

Wild Frontier Fest

More than 20 local bands, including Marmalakes and Sip Sip, play at the Mohawk for the first ever Wild Frontier Fest. There will also be live art, vendors and a photo booth. The event starts at 3 p.m. and tickets start at \$10.

SUNDAY

Got Guts?

The Got Guts 5K Race/Walk raises awareness and funds for celiac disease and gluten intolerance. The event also hosts the largest gluten-free food fair in Texas. Event is from 8 a.m. to noon at Walter E. Long Park.

Mad Men

The Alamo Drafthouse on South Lamar will show the hit AMC television show. Tickets are free but seats can be reserved with a \$5 food voucher. Starts at 10 p.m.



Quote to note

"And they're not having to worry about, 'Oh, we need to genetically engineer this tomato so that it's tough so that it can stand this long journey.' Farmers can grow more natural foods because they're not having to worry about transporting."

— **Deanna Staskal**
Registered dietician and nutrition professor

LIFE&ARTS PAGE 10

Faculty members' discovery led to Gulf drilling

By Collin Eaton
Daily Texan Staff

In 1982, long before thousands of oil rigs speckled the deep waters of the Gulf of Mexico, the five-man crew of a UT research ship hauled up a large sample of ocean floor while studying the area's geology.

When UT associate geology professor William Behrens got back to the lab with the core sample, he found a thick, black substance oozing out of it and decided to phone his colleague Patrick Parker, a UT professor of marine science and chemistry.

Now retired to his farm in Alabama, Parker said he used ultraviolet light to peer into the sample and confirmed what they suspected — it was oil. The sample was 10 percent

oil, as opposed to usual samples, which are about one ten-millionth oil. The two then put a hypodermic needle into a space where the earth in the sample had been pushed apart and found natural gas.

"I thought, 'Man, I can't believe it,'" Parker said. "I've heard that as soon as the oil companies read our paper, they had ships out there taking cores and shining [ultraviolet] light on it."

In a Dec. 5, 1983, story in The Daily Texan, Parker said there had been drilling in the Gulf of Mexico before Behrens' discovery, but at depths of 2,000 to 3,000 feet, the risks involved in drilling were substantial, Parker said. Today, oil companies drill at twice those depths and the Deepwater Hori-

zon oil spill occurred at 5,000 feet.

"What this represents is a new frontier," he had said. "It's a big investment."

Oil and gas companies had suspected for years that there may be oil in the deeper regions of the northern area of the Gulf of Mexico, but this was the first time anyone had confirmed it, he said. According to the Texan story, Behrens was studying sea-level changes in an area known as the "Green Canyon" when he struck oil.

Soon after, Parker and Behrens approached oil companies with the discovery. Getty Oil, Gulf Oil, Mobil Oil, Philips Petroleum, Shell Oil and Tenneco funded a grant for

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Oil sites off the coast

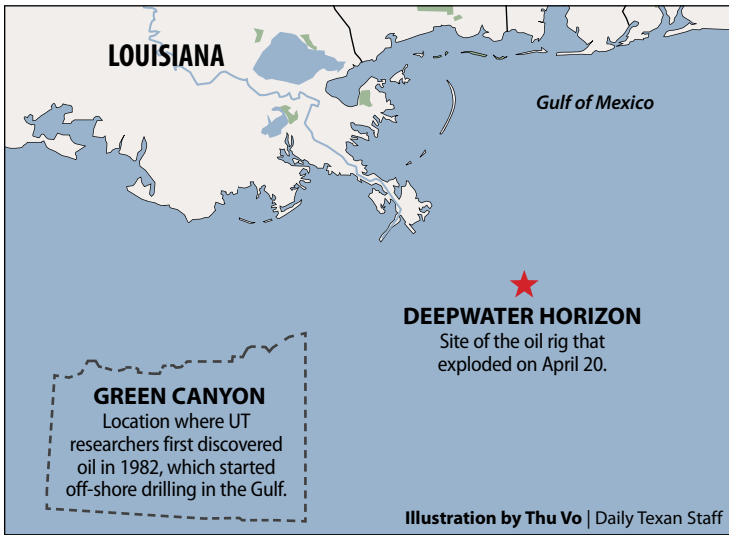


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Jeff Heimsath | Daily Texan Staff

Brian Dillenberger, the UT Police Department's newest officer, drives through campus on patrol during a 15-week training period.

Campus life keeps officer on toes

By Aziza Musa
Daily Texan Staff

Officer Brian Dillenberger has only served on the UT Police Department force for 10 weeks, but he's already seen some of the stranger happenings on a college campus.

Before the start of classes, he re-

ceived a code three alert — officers can turn on their lights and sirens — for a naked man wandering near Robert Lee Moore Hall.

"It was exciting because we were actively searching for the guy for five to 10 minutes," he said.

Dillenberger said the officers re-

ceived several tips from students about which direction the man went, but he was gone by the time they reached the area. The officers eventually caught the suspect — an exchange student — elsewhere on campus. He later received mental health treatment.

The call was the most exciting

one Dillenberger has received so far, but life has been a big adjustment since joining the force.

Born in Honduras, he moved to the United States when he was three years old. Dillenberger, now 30, has a family history of law enforcement jobs. His grandfather

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Tailgaters deal with parking, traffic jams

By Daniel Sanchez
Daily Texan Staff

It happened two years ago this Thanksgiving. Texas had beaten Oklahoma 45-35 but was ranked below them in The Associated Press polls. Accounting graduate student Adam Lindemuth, president of Alpha Kappa Psi, bought a turkey and invited friends and family over to his house so everyone could experience the Texas A&M game and tailgate.

"It was cool to see because there was a lot of families," Lindemuth said. "People came to be with their kids for Thanksgiving, sharing that bond over love of a tailgate."

He said that game was more than just his favorite tailgate — it was his favorite college memory.

"I think it's specific to UT," Lindemuth said. "Any organization can have parties, can do a lot of the stuff that any socially geared organization does, but few of them can have a Texas tailgate."

To Lindemuth and Alpha Kappa Psi, tailgating is a huge part of their history at the University. It's so big, the fraternity pushed its rush week back to include a tailgate during tomorrow's game to give freshmen like Chris Trachier their first UT tailgate experience.

"I'm just going to share it with my classmates and Alpha Kappa Psi," Trachier said. "It's

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Travis County among flood disaster areas

By David Colby
Daily Texan Staff

Gov. Rick Perry declared 40 Texas counties — including Travis County — disaster areas Thursday, in the wake of flooding caused by Tropical Storm Hermine.

The declaration will allow for full use of emergency relief funds from the state. The counties designated disaster areas included Bexar and Dallas, and stretched from South Texas to the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Relief efforts kicked into high gear as local and state agencies worked to clear roadways, repair damage and assess the long-term impact of Hermine's trip through Central Texas.

High waters and flash floods claimed at least one life, although the death toll is expected to rise as flood waters recede and more victims are recovered, according to local emergency services departments, including a woman in Austin whose car was swept away by a strong current

near the intersection of RM 2222 and Loop 360.

"Although the sky is blue and the rain has subsided, the danger hasn't passed yet," Perry said in a statement, warning Texans to avoid driving into potentially deadly flood waters. "If there are barriers across the road, I don't care how big your pickup truck is or how good [of] a driver you think you are, do not go around those barriers. Turn around, don't drown."

RM 2222 sustained major damage from flood waters that appear by the flood waters that appear to have claimed the life of an unidentified woman who was seen driving around road barriers near midnight Tuesday.

Officials from the Texas Department of Transportation said the road would be fully reopened Saturday morning, said spokesman John Hurt.

The total cost of the damage to Texas roadways from Hermine is

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Tour educates public on sustainability

By Dani Mercier
Daily Texan Staff

The Campus Environmental Center co-hosted a tour of six University buildings and a panel discussion to educate community members about sustainability on campus Thursday.

UT's Project Management and Construction Services co-spon-

sored the free tour, which taught participants about the University's infrastructure renewal in relation to sustainability.

The event was the first of its kind and was made possible by the Center for Sustainable Development and the Office of Sustainability. It was open to all interested students and faculty, and spots

were booked on a first-come-first-serve basis.

New construction projects such as the Norman Hackerman Building on 24th Street and Speedway and the Student Activity Center on 22nd Street and Speedway were some of the more exclusive

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Students and staff take a tour of the basement of Mary E. Gearing Hall yesterday as part of the Campus Environmental Center's initiative to focus on "green" buildings. Gearing will be undergoing renovations to update its decades-old electrical system.

Shannon Kinter
Daily Texan Staff

FLOOD: Texas distributes relief funds in wake of tropical storm



Greg Moore, a local business owner, rides a recreational water vehicle down a flooded road in Belton to access his business on Wednesday. Tropical Storm Hermine moved through the area earlier.

Mitch Green | Associated Press

DRILLING: UT receives little funding for oil research

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Behrens to confirm the evidence of rich oil and natural gas deposit. After a six-month study, Behrens confirmed the discovery, and the federal government leased large sections of the area to oil companies for more than \$2.5 billion.

“As federal funds get scarcer and scarcer you will see more and more cooperation between university research and industry,” Parker had said in 1983. “And that’s OK as long as there is a common interest. We have the skill and they have the money.”

But that cooperative relationship was not meant to be. Behrens said he received minimal grants from the oil and gas companies, and soon the companies utilized their own research divisions. However, in the present day, the situation has reversed — oil companies are regularly funding research institutions such as UT, and the federal government has reduced spending on research related to off-shore drilling significantly.

In June 2010, Tad Patzek, a UT professor of petroleum and geosystems engineering, told the U.S. Congress that the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico is a “tragedy [that] has been at least 20 years in the making” in reference to significant reductions in federal funding for offshore technology research, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

Patzek said little has changed since 1983 — the federal government continues to reduce spending on research related to off-shore drilling. The major source of funding for the research comes from the Department of Education.

“Their pool of money available to the outside researchers in the oil and gas area has been minimal, of the order of \$20 to \$30 million per year,” he said.

As a comparison, the National Institutes of Health receive about \$20 billion a year, he said.

Scott Tinker, director of UT’s Bureau of Economic Geology, said the federal government has determined that support of oil and gas research is “corporate welfare,” but does not take the same position on support of research in agriculture, biomedicine, pharmaceuticals and many other industries.

“The oil companies have stepped up in a big way in the past decade to support basic and applied research at universities, where the federal government has failed,” Tinker said.

He said because the Gulf of

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still being assessed, he said.

Hermine caused significant flood damage throughout Central Texas, along with several tornadoes in the Dallas area that caused minor damage. State Farm Insurance, one of the largest insurance agencies in the state, had received more than 2,700 claims around the state related to Hermine by Thursday, said Ryan Gauna, a spokesman for State Farm.

“One thing that most folks need to do after the storm is that they make sure that they try to mitigate any type of additional damage,” he said.

He said homeowners who experience flooding should immediately begin to try to get their belongings out of the water, and the water out of their home.

Holland, Texas, a city of about 1,000 people located south of Temple, reported Thursday that they were trucking in bottled water after the local water supply was cut off by flood damage.

The floods destroyed a bridge outside the city, which then fell on a water pipe, cutting off the water supply, said assistant city secretary Paula Krieheder.

“We’re hoping it will be fixed in the morning, but it could take until next week,” she said.

OFFICER: Campus size creates excitement in police position

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was an FBI agent and his mother worked as a chief juvenile probation officer in Marlin, where he and his twin sister grew up. He finished high school in Kansas City and attended the University of St. Mary in Leavenworth, Kan., for his first year of college.

His sister was attending UT at the same time and conversations with her convinced Dillenberger to move back to Texas, he said.

“I heard her stories that it was big and [she was] meeting a lot of people and I was like, ‘their high schools are bigger than this college,’” he said.

He transferred to and later graduated from Texas State University with a business degree in 2003. He and his wife then moved to Austin to teach in elementary schools. After a brief stint in the insurance business, he decided to look for a new career.

Dillenberger applied for the UTPD position in September 2009 because he thought it would be more exciting than working in a cubicle.

He graduated from the UT System police academy in January 2010 and now is in the midst of a 15-week field training regimen.

“Once you got out there, they pretty much wanted you to do everything,” Dillenberger said, adding that new officers are dispatched to “good” calls to gain experience — incidents no more exciting than blaring alarms.

Dillenberger was covering the night shift in June when he received a call at 21st and Speedway streets. Officers found a man passed out in his parked vehicle on campus at around 5 p.m.

The officers tried to prosecute him because they suspected he had been drinking and driving, but they failed to come up with a probable cause, he said.

“We spent a lot of time on that case, and I ended up going to a different shift and the case ended up dying,” Dillenberger said. “It was frustrating to know that someone who was driving while intoxicated got a free ticket.”

He enrolled in the UT System police academy in January 2010, where he spent the majority of his time in class learning basic procedures. Once class ended, the 13 cadets trained physically with exercises ranging from calisthenics to firearms. They were tested over new material each week.

Dillenberger had to take a test three times himself before passing the course.

“For one exercise, we had to drive through the course and had to do it in a certain amount of time. I had to go my third and final time to make the qualifying time,” he said. “It was a little nerve-racking, but I was able to make it through the course.”

Only nine cadets graduated from the program. Afterward, they had one week of orientation and another of practicals, where they applied the skills they learned to realistic situations.

New officers are also required to rotate through day, evening and night shifts for three weeks before looping back. During each shift, police training officers accompany the rookies to oversee their work.

UTPD Officer Wayne Rubio, his training officer for one day, said Dillenberger struggled with confidence at first but showed steady improvement.

“I know when I started, it was kind of the same thing,” Rubio said. “But repetition helped me and I’m sure it’ll help him in the long run.”

Dillenberger will cover the night shift for the last five weeks of his field training, which ends in October. After that, he will choose which shift to cover and said he looks forward mostly to being on his own.

“I’ve been under the microscope since I started applying for the job,” he said.

Dillenberger’s wife, Jessica, said the UT community has been supportive and professional.

“I know deep down inside it was the career he always wanted to do,” she said. “So we’re really happy that he’s there.”

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Hold on, let me concentrate on his mom.

Preacher reverses, may still burn Qurans

State Department issues travel warning because of outrage in Muslim world

By David Zucchini and Tina Susman
Los Angeles Times

DURHAM, N.C. — An anti-Muslim Florida evangelist, despite facing worldwide condemnation, said Thursday that he might proceed with plans to burn copies of the Quran, the Islamic holy book, to commemorate the ninth anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Terry Jones, pastor of the tiny Dove World Outreach Center in Gainesville, Fla., said he canceled the threatened book-burning, and that he had secured a promise that a controversial Islamic center and mosque planned two blocks from ground zero in New York City would be relocated farther from the former World Trade Center site.

But hours later, after two prominent Muslim leaders contradicted Jones' claim, he ratcheted up tensions anew, telling reporters that he might go ahead with the Quran burning after all. He said he had been "lied to" by a Florida imam with whom he had discussed mov-

ing the New York mosque, the Associated Press reported.

"We assumed what the imam said was true. Now, we're in a state of limbo and we have to rethink our position," Jones said Thursday evening, according to CNN. "We are rethinking our position. We are reconsidering, but we'd like to think what the Imam said was true. We're a little back to square one. We hope this thing works out."

The dizzying back-and-forth came after President Barack Obama called the event a "stunt" and warned that it could lead to violence against Americans overseas and serve as a "recruitment bonanza for al-Qaida."

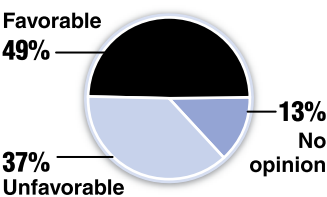
Jones, appearing outside his church with Muhammad Musri of the Islamic Society of Central Florida, said he had canceled plans for Saturday's planned Quran burning, based on a guarantee from Musri that an agreement had been reached to move the planned center. Jones said he planned to travel to New York for Saturday's 9/11 events to seal the deal.

"I asked him three times, and I have witnesses," Jones said. "If it's not moved, then I think Islam is a very poor example of religion. I think that would be very pitiful. I

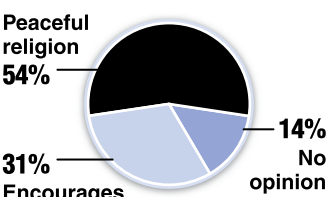
Views on Islam

A recent poll asked Americans their thoughts on Islam:

What is your opinion of Islam?



Does mainstream Islam encourage violence against non-Muslims?



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Graphic: Melina Yingling

do not expect that."

But Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf, the man behind the proposed site, said he was surprised by Jones' claims and would not barter with the pastor or "toy with our religion." Rauf said he had not even spoken to Jones or Musri.

Musri, for his part, told the Associated Press that he merely offered a meeting between Jones and Rauf to discuss plans for the center's location. Musri said he told Jones he does not believe the center should



Stephen M. Dowell | Orlando Sentinel

Pastor Terry Jones tells members of the media he plans to go forward with plans to burn Qurans at the Dove World Outreach Center in Gainesville, Fla., on Wednesday.

be built near the World Trade Center site and would do everything in his power to get it moved.

Musri said Rauf has not offered to move the proposed site. "All we have agreed to is a meeting, and I think we would all like to see a peaceful resolution," he said.

Jones had said he might cancel his planned event if he received

a personal phone call from the Obama administration. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates made a brief call to the pastor. Gates expressed "grave concerns" that burning Qurans would put at risk U.S. troops fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Angry demonstrations have already erupted in Indonesia and

Afghanistan, where protesters burned an effigy of Jones and an American flag while chanting, "Death to Christians."

In a worldwide travel alert issued before Jones' announcement, the State Department cautioned that "the potential for further protests and demonstrations, which may turn violent, remains high."

NEWS BRIEFLY

San Francisco suburb rocked by gas explosion, dozens hurt

SAN BRUNO, Calif. — A massive explosion believed to have been sparked by a gas line break produced an inferno that consumed a San Bruno neighborhood Thursday night, leveling numerous homes, forcing residents to run for their lives and leaving at least one dead and dozens injured, a number of them with severe burns.

The blast, which occurred shortly after 6 p.m., ignited a wind-driven fire that quickly destroyed dozens of homes, set treetops on fire and illuminated the sky for miles around. Hours after the explosion, fire crews from throughout the state continued to rush to the scene but their efforts were hampered by winds that reportedly reached more than 20 mph.

"My house is gone. I'm trying to keep from just breaking down. Everything's gone," said Tina Pellegrini, whose home was near Claremont and Glenview drives.

Although Pacific Gas and Electric crews on scene told television news reporters that a gas line rupture sparked the explosion, spokesmen for the power company cautioned that they were still investigating.

Hifa Salfiti, who lives on Claremont Drive, said she and her husband were stunned by the blast.

"We were sitting in the house and heard a huge explosion," she said. "We thought first of all it was an earthquake. It was beyond huge. We ran to the deck and saw a huge fire. We ran to the street and they began evacuating us. The fire was like hell."

— Los Angeles Times and San Jose Mercury News

Court rules 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' is unconstitutional

RIVERSIDE, Calif. — A federal judge in Riverside declared the U.S. military's ban on openly gay service members unconstitutional Thursday, saying the "don't ask, don't tell" policy violates the First Amendment rights of lesbians and gay men.

U.S. District Court Judge Virginia A. Phillips said the policy banning gays did not preserve military readiness, contrary to what many supporters have argued, saying evidence shows that the policy in fact had a "direct and deleterious effect" on the military.

Phillips said she would issue an injunction barring the government from enforcing the policy. However, the U.S. Department of Justice, which defended "don't ask, don't tell" during a two-week trial in Riverside, will have an opportunity to appeal that decision.

— Los Angeles Times

Mexican drug gang holds oil workers, resources hostage

By Tracy Wilkinson
Los Angeles Times

REYNOSA, Mexico — The meandering network of pipes, wells and tankers belonging to the gigantic state oil company Pemex have long been an easy target of crooks and drug traffickers who siphon off natural gas, gasoline and even crude, robbing the Mexican treasury of hundreds of millions of dollars annually.

Now the cartels have taken sabotage to a new level: They've hobbled key operations in parts of the Burgos Basin, home to Mexico's biggest natural gas fields.

Forced to defer production and curtail drilling and maintenance in a region that spreads through some of Mexico's most dangerous badlands, the world's seventh-largest oil producer has become another casualty of the drug war.

In May, gunmen wearing camouflage and tennis shoes kidnapped five Pemex workers as they rode to the front gate of the Gigante No.1 natural gas plant in the Burgos Basin. One man was a mechanic, another specialized in pumps. All were dressed in their crisp khaki uniforms with the Pemex logo, ready for long shifts. They have not been heard from since.

The kidnappings, plus the reported disappearance of at least 30 other employees of subcontractors in the same region, have terrorized a community where jobs on the oil rigs and at the gas wells are handed down, father to son, for generations.

"The traffickers are establishing it clearly," said Sen. Graco Ramirez, a member of the congressional energy committee. "You collaborate, or you die."

The capacity of the traffickers to exert influence over a company as mighty as Pemex only solidifies the widely held perception that the cartels are growing in size and strength despite the government's crackdown.

"How is it," asked a relative of a kidnapped worker, "that Pemex, supposedly the backbone of the nation, can be made to bow down like this?"

Employees of Pemex and a handful of foreign-owned firms were earning well in the basin, living good lives and working in relative safety.

Then convoys of mysterious gunmen started plying the roadways, followed by shows of force, intimidation, beatings and, finally,

the abductions. Pleas for help and better protection, union leaders and workers say, went unheeded.

Ramirez, the senator, said the cartel responsible, probably the Zetas, may be after technical information to elude the measures Pemex is taking to guard against the rampant thefts of gas and oil.

Whatever the motive, the effect has been to cripple operations in some areas of the basin.

"In the Burgos project, there are areas we cannot access," Carlos Morales Gil, director of exploration and production for Pemex, said during a news conference in the Tabasco city of Villahermosa in July. It was a startling admission.

A confidential report submit-



ted to Congress in July and made available to the Times acknowledged that stolen natural gas and delayed gas production have cost the company nearly \$50 million in just the first five months of this year.

After the May Pemex kidnappings, families of the disappeared workers are too terrified to speak publicly to a reporter. Vague threats have come their way.

Instead, they live in fear, many of them here in the Tamaulipas city of Reynosa. They sit literally by their telephones waiting for word, a ransom demand, a call from the coroner's office. Anything would be better than not knowing.

"No one has called us," one desperate relative said. "We know nothing. If they wanted to send a message to Pemex, wouldn't they have killed them and left the bodies there?"

Those are the kinds of calculations, in what passes for reason, made in families who have lost their sons, husbands and brothers to a violent unknown.

UNDISCOVERED COUNTRY



Red Huber | Orlando Sentinel

Space shuttle Discovery STS-133 is on the move Thursday to the Vehicle Assembly Building. This will be the last mission for shuttle Discovery, which is scheduled for Nov. 1.

Car bombing injures scores in Russia

By Sergei L. Loiko
Los Angeles Times

MOSCOW — A suicide bomber detonated a car packed with explosives outside a market in the southeastern Russian town of Vladikavkaz on Thursday, killing at least 16 and injuring more than 100, according to local authorities and news reports.

The blast occurred at a peak marketing time in the town in Russia's North Ossetia republic. A slow-

moving sedan pulled up near the market's front gate and exploded about 11:30 a.m., overturning cars, stalls and kiosks and shattering windows in nearby houses, said North Ossetia interior ministry spokesman Samir Sabatkokeyev.

There were "many people and cars in front of the market," Sabatkokeyev said. The body of the bomber was found inside the charred remains of the vehicle, he said.

No one immediately claimed re-

sponsibility for the bombing.

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said, "We will do our best to catch ... these rascals who committed a terrorist act against ordinary people," Interfax news agency quoted Medvedev as saying.

Thursday's explosion occurred only four days after a similar attack in the neighboring republic of Dagestan in which a suicide car bomb exploded on the testing grounds of a Russian military, killing four.

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VIEWPOINT

Speaking with a united voice

Student Government is once again a member of the Texas Student Association, thanks to a resolution passed Tuesday night.

TSA is a nonpartisan organization that aims to bring together students from public and private colleges and universities across the state to achieve common goals. The association was established in 1948 but disbanded in 1993. After 15 years, student governments across Texas restored TSA in 2008.

The goal of TSA is to take students’ concerns to the state Legislature, Kevin Sanders, president of the University of North Texas Student Government Association, told The Daily Texan last month.

TSA represents more than 500,000 college students in Texas. Its member schools convene about once a semester to identify issues affecting students across the state and then form a platform to take those issues to the Legislature.

The organization was most effective in its lobbying efforts during the ‘60s and ‘70s, when it brought student issues into policy discussion. In the 1970s, TSA even employed a paid lobbyist to push student issues at the Capitol.

However, after UT was elected to the TSA administration in 1984, it passed a new constitution that banned TSA lobbying activity and required unanimous member-school approval to support other lobbying groups. As a result of this single-school veto, the organization was essentially crippled as a lobbying tool.

When the agendas of its various member schools diverge, TSA loses its lobbying power. As a major player in the reborn organization, SG will need to ensure that the interests TSA members address remain nonpartisan. While SG is intended to represent the voice of the UT student body by advocating for its issues, such as domestic partner benefits, TSA and its member schools need to focus on issues that appeal to all Texas college students in order to be effective.

Now that SG has taken on the role of representing UT at a more statewide level, it is up to the student assembly to make sure TSA stays focused on what most affects students today: higher education budget cuts.

The upcoming budget cuts will affect students at any university or college that receives state money, regardless of students’ political views or their school’s location or size. These cuts result in fewer faculty positions, fewer course options and, ultimately, a diminished quality of education.

UT’s political power is not as strong as it could be. Most students either vote in Austin or in their home districts. Neither group generates substantial political clout; those students voting in Austin only affect a few select districts, while those voting at home do not constitute a large enough percentage of the vote to swing an election.

Lobbying for student interests through TSA will have a much stronger impact on issues such as budget cuts. TSA has the potential to play the major role in state politics it once did. With a collective voice representing most college students in Texas, the association can bring student issues to light at the state level.

With these prospective budget cuts threatening higher education in Texas, a unified student front is a necessity during the upcoming legislative session.

Likewise, those schools that have not yet rejoined the association should consider joining with their fellow Texans. There’s power in numbers. The more students that join TSA, the more TSA can help students.

— Viviana Aldous for the editorial board

By Charlie Saginaw
Daily Texan Guest Columnist

Before parents leave their children to explore the world on their own for the first time, they go through the process of cramming all of their child’s worldly possessions into dorms across campus. While parents might enjoy the supervision of resident assistants, cozy, shared living spaces and after-hours check-in desks, students might already be thinking: “I can’t wait to escape from this 15-floor dungeon with a recently refurbished lobby!” and already considering next year’s living arrangements.

Perhaps next year they can get their own place, probably an apartment in West Campus, Hyde Park or Riverside. After negotiating with a realtor, signing a mountain of leasing paperwork and paying a myriad of extraneous fees, they can finally be free. They are free to drive to H-E-B, cook for themselves and juggle the responsibility of writing monthly checks to the landlord, utility company and cable/Internet provider. When they discover their roommate’s insomnia-inducing love of techno music or decide they must satisfy the urge to study abroad for a semester in Spain, these unfortunate souls must fish for a “reliable” sublet on Craigslist or Facebook who will pay half of the monthly rent if they’re lucky.

But there’s an alternative. Tucked away in West Campus, more than 900 students live in 15 student housing cooperatives. Co-ops — no, not the bookstore — provide a low-cost student housing community, complete with 15 hot meals a week, a room furnished

with a desk and bed and no utility or Internet bills. While one of the larger co-op’s meal rooms boasts one of the best views of the Capitol and Austin skyline, smaller co-ops promote a close-knit feel and emphasize social justice. Un-

“Maybe the mere mention of a co-op evokes images of a squid crash pad circa 1968 with Marxist literature scattered across the floor.”

like a landlord or realty company, co-ops are nonprofit organizations, owned and managed by student residents who pool their money and labor to provide amenities, food and an academic environment. Such cooperation results in affordable housing and an environment that teaches diverse life skills, ranging from interpersonal communication to onion-chopping.

Maybe the mere mention of a co-op evokes images of a squid crash pad circa 1968 with Marxist literature scattered across the floor. Others might envision a smelly anarchist ranting about the Federal Reserve as he stirs a vat of green

tofu stew and listens to The Smiths. Others might think of a co-oper as a fifth-year anthropology student looking to “escape the system, man,” or a shoeless 20-something who has been “taking some time off” since the late ‘90s.

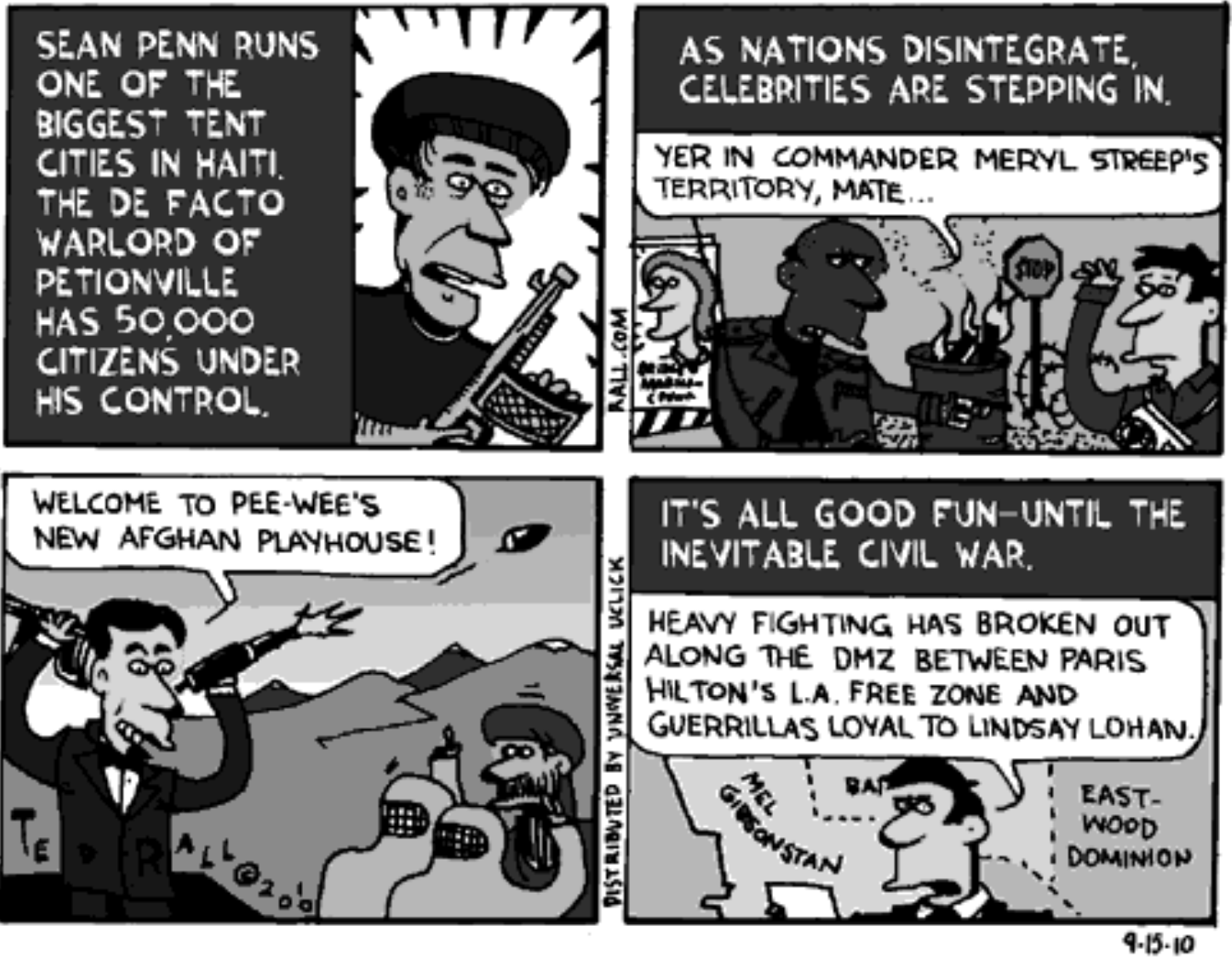
In reality, co-ops are home to a diverse group of students. Sure, there are some anthropology majors, but there are also pre-med, fine arts and MBA students. Some co-ops also require all residents to be currently enrolled students. Meanwhile, foreign exchange students flock to co-ops from around the world because they have the option to lease for only one semester and there is a lack of housing options on campus. If college is about new experiences, try cooking lasagna for 100 hungry college students with a crew resembling the United Nations.

In tough economic times, co-ops also offer democratically elected leadership positions in exchange for rent scholarships. Instead of paying management companies to dodge responsibility, co-op leaders are elected by their peers. For example, a nutrition major can gain professional experience planning menus, and a business management major could oversee the co-op labor duties.

In the coming months, before signing or renewing a lease, think of all your options. Consider price, convenience and what you want to gain from your college experience. Imagine after a difficult day coming back to a home instead of a dorm. In the end, how bad could cooperation be?

Saginaw is a history junior.

GALLERY



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THE FIRING LINE

“Videomusic” isn’t new

I just read Sarah Pressley’s Sept. 9 story, “Videomusic creates interesting twist,” about Jean Piché’s “videomusic.”

I just finished my master’s in ethnomusicology at UT. My report is about a field of experimental art often called “Visual Music,” which is precisely what Piché calls videomusic. This is not a “new genre of audio entertainment.” In fact, filmmakers were exploring abstract moving images combined with sound already in the 1930s (the first visual music film piece dates back to 1921!). Perhaps the most famous visual music artist was Oskar Fischinger, a German immigrant who made quite astonishing visual music pieces, some of them with funding from the Guggenheim Museum. In 2009, I did ethnographic work in Los Angeles, a city with a relatively consistent history of visual music artists (including Fischinger), and where the only two organizations in the U.S. dedicated to promoting visual music (the Center for Visual Music and the iotaCenter) are located. In the past decades new media artists have been creating visual music, including VJ-DJ performances and software development (such as music visualizers).

— Leo Cardoso
Graduate student
Department of Ethnomusicology

Artist fights stereotypes with history



Shannon Kintner | Daily Texan Staff
E. Patrick Johnson personifies the struggles that the black gay community of the South faces by speaking about acceptance, AIDS and faith in “Sweet Tea: Black Gay Men of the South.”

By Allison Kroll
Daily Texan Staff

E. Patrick Johnson, a performance artist and scholar, expressed the voices of a group of rarely acknowledged southern men at an oral history performance on Thursday.

Johnson read portions of his book “Sweet Tea: Black Gay Men of the South” at a program presented by the John L. Warfield Center for African and African American Studies.

The program opened Thursday at the Oscar G. Brockett Theatre in the F. Loren Winship Drama Building and portrayed the oral histories of black gay men from ages 19 to 93. Johnson interviewed more than 70 different men who were born, raised and currently live in the southern states to produce the narratives presented in his book.

The stories ranged from comedic to emotional and insightful. Johnson challenges the stereotypes given to black men and the south by addressing topics including love, death, sex, family, church and HIV/AIDS.

“The program was very impressive, and took awhile to sink in,”

said Felicia Fitzpatrick, an African and African American Diaspora Studies freshman. “Johnson did a great job of portraying different characters and how they deal with the resistance in their lives.”

Johnson is a professor of performance studies and African American studies at Northwestern University. He performs his work throughout the country and world and has published several books and journal articles on the topics of race, gender and sexuality, including “Appropriating Blackness: Performance and the Politics of Authenticity,” and “Sweet Tea,” which he performed Thursday. Two encore performances of the show will take place today at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Johnson’s readings are part of the Warfield Center for African and African American Studies’ Performing Blackness Series, which is dedicated to increasing interest in dialogue surrounding race, identity and the use of art in bringing about social change. Program coordinator Stephanie Lang said the shows in this series are designed to open students up to a wide array of experiences through performance. This allows them to

see perspectives they wouldn’t normally see.

Dialogue is emphasized in all of the performances included in the series so the audience feels connected to what is being performed, Lang said.

“Come with an open heart and willingness to connect with the person next to you and hopefully you’ll learn something about yourself,” said Omi Osun Joni L. Jones, director of the Warfield Center for African and African American Studies.

She said the reading events will help produce honest dialogues of sexuality, gender and nationality.

“It will encourage the sharing of topics that will keep us imprisoned if we don’t share them,” Jones said.

A Q&A forum took place post-performance on Wednesday night, where the audience discussed “Sweet Tea” and Johnson more in-depth.

“Sexuality is a subject we are only beginning to talk about publicly and within educational institutions,” Jones said. “‘Sweet Tea’ gives us the opportunity to honestly, generously and courageously begin those conversations.”

TAILGATING: Game days require early planning for large crowds

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coming to life, everything I’ve seen on TV. It’s coming to life, finally.”

Tailgating doesn’t just come to life overnight, though, it takes months of planning.

Jeri Baker, assistant director of Parking and Transportation Services, said her organization has 150 employees on campus to deal with traffic on game days, in addition to the 200-300 police officers patrolling traffic.

“I would say hectic is probably a good way to put it,” Baker said of home games. “Probably more controlled hectic kind of thing. We have a very good football plan, we take lessons learned from

previous years.”

One of PTS’s many strategies to keep traffic organized is having four garages and four surface lots for public use, both for \$15.

All spots by the Bob Bullock Museum and south of the Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium have to be reserved during the summer. Applicants who had reservations for the previous season must pay a fee for renewal by July. Tailgaters without a permit are put on a first-come-first-served wait list for the nonrenewed spots. Each party can occupy a maximum of 10 parking spots, and the state provides portable toilets and clean-up services, so long as tailgaters put all of their

trash in bags.

Debbie Simecek has managed this process for five years, handling all parking and street closures for big events.

“The tailgaters for Texas, they all have a lot of fun out there together,” Simecek said. “A lot of it’s about barbecue and being a part of friends and family.”

But aside from the food, what makes a Texas tailgate to Lindemuth is the unity of all Longhorns.

“We have that common bond that we like Texas football and we like to tailgate,” Lindemuth said. “You know everyone around you are all your neighbors. On a Saturday afternoon, there’s not many more relaxing things you could do.”

TOURS: Campus boasts eco-friendly edge

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tours, showcasing the multi-million dollar projects that are both scheduled for completion in Spring 2011. The buildings are going for the second highest level of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, or LEED, certification.

Brian Wittmayer, project manager and tour guide for the Norman Hackerman Building, said the project currently has enough green energy points to receive a silver rating, but may acquire enough additional points through sustainable construction techniques to reach the gold level.

He said most of the wood used in the project is certified by the Forest Stewardship Council, which encourages responsible use of the world’s forests.

“One of the most sustainable measures we took into consid-

eration was preserving four Live Oak trees during the demolition process and recycling 95 percent of the demolition waste,” Wittmayer said.

Wittmayer said many campus groups will be able to take advantage of the new facility.

“By the start of next semester, the [Hackerman Building] will be the brand-new home for administrative offices in biological sciences, the Center for Learning & Memory and act as the research hub for students and faculty in chemistry, biology and neurosciences,” he said.

Electrical engineering graduate student Bilal Ögünlü was one of about 30 people to participate in a tour of the power plant. Ögünlü, an exchange student from Turkey, said he hopes to share his knowledge about UT’s energy distribution system with the Turkish government.

UT generates all of its electric-

ity from the power plant. Ögünlü said the University could be studied as a model city because of its size.

“In Turkey, there’s no place this big,” he said.

Ryan Thompson, a project manager for the utilities and energy department, led one half of the power plant tour. Thompson gave the participants an in-depth, behind-the-scenes look at Hal C. Weaver Power Plant, the facilities, and said that recent infrastructure improvements within the plant, such as the new chillers and turbines, have allowed the campus to cut its carbon output to 1977 levels.

The Campus Sustainability Symposium is held today from 8:45 a.m. to 3:25 p.m. in the Bass Lecture Hall, located within the LBJ School’s Sid Richardson Hall. Presenters will give more 20 brief presentations about environmental issues on campus.

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CLUB SOCCER



Tamir Kalifa | Daily Texan Staff

Austin native Alex Ducote chose to forgo his spot on the Division I, University of North Carolina-Charlotte soccer team after his younger sister died in a car crash two years ago. He has since transferred to Texas and currently plays for the Longhorn Club Soccer team.

Tragedy reconnected star with hometown

By Lauren Giudice
Daily Texan Staff

In February 2008, Austin native Alex Ducote received what seemed like a normal phone call from his parents. The University of North Carolina-Charlotte sophomore soccer player was hanging out with his best friend Steve, the goalie on his team.

But this call was not an ordinary phone call. Alex's parents were calling to tell him that his only sibling, 16-year-old sister Audrey, had died in a car accident.

Audrey, along with two other teenagers, was killed when a hydroplaning truck slid across Texas Highway 71 into oncoming traffic.

Alex played soccer at Austin High School and for United Capital Soccer Club in Austin. Recruited by both UNC-Charlotte and the University of Michigan, Alex was blown away with his visit to North Carolina.

By his second year at UNC-Charlotte, he was a regular on their Division I soccer team and was playing with two of his best friends from Austin. His experience there was excellent, and he had the opportunity to meet people from all around the world.

But after the tragic loss of his sister, Alex did some serious soul searching. He decided that at this time in his life, family was more

important than soccer. He made the decision to leave North Carolina and return to Austin. He chose to attend UT, even though it does not have a Division 1 soccer program.

"My focus shifted from school to my family and friends," Ducote said. "I needed more of that in my life. Being back home in Austin just seemed right."

He also said that it took him a long time to be able to enjoy his life again and that he wasn't sure if he could handle the stress of playing soccer again.

When he decided to come to UT, Alex was considering ending his soccer career. He had heard about the men's club soccer team

but wasn't sure if he wanted to commit himself to another team.

"Alex was a little burnt out on soccer," said UT club soccer head coach Matt Prewett.

But Alex contacted the coach anyway and he hasn't looked back.

"He has been as good for the team as it's been for him," Prewett said. As center midfielder, Prewett describes Ducote as the "quarter-back of the team."

After getting past his hesitancy, he enjoys the more relaxing and fun atmosphere of the club team.

"On Division 1 teams, they often bring guys in and then spit them out," Ducote said. "On this team, there is a much more personable, relaxed and kind-

hearted atmosphere."

Although the level of play on the club team is "slightly" below the Division I level, playing at this level has helped Ducote mentally.

"When I play, I forget everything else," Ducote said. "It's peaceful and a stress reliever."

In addition to the peacefulness of playing club soccer, Alex has enjoyed having people come and cheer for him during games.

Ducote, who lives with the club president of his soccer team, Johnny, resides less than a mile away from his parents and has enjoyed being back in Austin.

"I go home for home cooking all the time," he said.

VOLLEYBALL

Horns prepare for tough series against top teams

By Andy Lutz
Daily Texan Staff

Normally, exams don't fall on weekends. That's just plain cruel. However, this weekend the Longhorns will face perhaps the toughest test they will encounter all season long when they make the 1,025 mile trip to Gainesville, Fla., to take part in the elite volleyball tournament better known as the Nike Big Four Classic.

Fortunately for Texas, head coach Jerritt Elliott has put them through an adequately rigorous "studying" process and the team feels prepared for the stout competition that is No. 1 Penn State, No. 2 Stanford and No. 4 Florida.

"We're excited about the weekend. I schedule these matches to learn about our team and get them into these kinds of situations. At Texas, you're expected to be in these kinds of situations and learn how to win and make the adjustments you need

to," Elliott explained. "Whether we win the tournament or not is not going to be a reflection of where we're going to be at the end of year. It's a young team, we're going to continue to be patient and we're going to continue to let them grow."

As for the potential rematch against the Nittany Lions, who boast an incredible 108-match winning streak heading into this weekend's action, the Longhorns are very anxious for another crack at the top dog.

"We'd love for another match-up with them. They're a great program and have that big streak, but both our teams are completely different in terms of personnel," Elliott said. "They're young as well as a lot of key positions. It will be two young teams battling compared [to] two experienced teams from a year ago."

The other two squads in the

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Lauren Gerson | Daily Texan Staff

No. 5 Rachael Adams stretches to block a kill against Illinois earlier this season. The Longhorns lost this matchup 3-0.

FOOTBALL



Peter Franklin | Daily Texan file photo

Tailgating UT fans watch as the Longhorns beat Texas Tech on their TV outside the stadium on Nov. 10, 2007.

Pop a beer and a braut', tailgating should be fun

By Dan Hurwitz
Daily Texan
Columnist

Tailgating is no longer just about getting out your grills and coolers.

While people used to be concerned about forgetting trash bags, paper towels and sunscreen, now tailgaters double check to see if they have their flat-screen televisions, satellite dishes and remote controls.

In this age we live in, tail-

gating has gone from enjoying a couple of beers in the sun before a game to setting up outdoor living rooms, where the entire day is spent.

And with the increase of these luxurious day-long parties, fans sometimes forget the reason why they are out there — to attend a football game.

It is not unusual for tailgaters to end up staying outside, whether it is to have another beer or perhaps having already passed out after having too many beers.

Sometimes the entire notion to begin heading toward the

stadium is forgotten.

Do you see anything wrong with this picture?

Good, because neither do I. People throw around hundreds of dollars for their tailgates and if they want to spend their time eating a gourmet meal and watching their team on a big-screen TV rather than a mile in the sky, that's cool with me.

College football games have become a social event. Fans start setting up early in the morning for a night game.

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SIDELINE

NCAA SOCCER



Texas vs. No. 12 Virginia
Date: Today
Time: 6 p.m.
Where: Charlottesville, Va.

NCAA VOLLEYBALL



No. 3 Texas vs. No. 2 Stanford
Date: Today
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Where: Gainesville, Fla.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The game is played when you buckle up your chin strap. So, all this pressure [Rex Ryan] wants to put on his team, I hope they can cash the check that he writes."
— Baltimore Raven Ray Lewis, in response to NY Jets head coach Rex Ryan firing up his team.

THIS DAY IN SPORTS HISTORY

September 10, 1990

For the first time in the storied history of the New York Yankees, the Bronx Bombers are completely swept in a season series. The Oakland A's beat them 12 games to zero.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A guy took his girlfriend to her first football game. Afterward he asked her how she liked the game.

"I liked it, but I couldn't understand why they were killing each other for 25 cents," she said.

"What do you mean?" he asked.
"Well, everyone kept yelling, 'Get the quarter back!'"

SPORTS BRIEFLY

Saints stun Vikings in low scoring season opener

NEW ORLEANS — Drew Brees and the Saints extended New Orleans' post-Super Bowl euphoria for at least another week and handed Brett Favre a second straight loss in the Louisiana Superdome.

Brees completed 27 of 36 passes for 237 yards and one touchdown, and the Saints survived a hard-fought season opener for a 14-9 victory Thursday night.

It wasn't the most spectacular way to open a title defense, considering it was a rematch of the riveting 2009 NFC title game last January, in which the Saints took an overtime win to advance to their first Super Bowl.

It was the lowest-scoring victory of the Sean Payton era, which began in 2006. Still, the Saints will take it, considering their defense limited Favre to 171 yards passing and one score.

—The Associated Press

FOOTBALL: Tailgating provides fans relaxed, all-day experience



Tailgaters play beer pong in a parking lot at San Jacinto and Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard.

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They bring their friends and serve unique cuisine. They play games and watch a day full of college football.

As long as the weather isn't too bad, does anything seem more enjoyable than this?

It is good to eventually take your seat in the stadium, but on a weekend like this when the Longhorns are playing a boring game against a Wyoming team that they will completely destroy, you can't blame a person for wanting to watch Oklahoma-Florida State, Ohio State-Miami or Alabama-Penn State.

Of course, the University wants the stadium to look completely full during the entire game, but it won't happen and they haven't done anything to try to get the fans to stay longer.

In the NFL, however, teams are looking to get their fans in the stadium in time for kickoff. The Houston Texans installed a speaker that will sound a horn at both 30 and 15 minutes prior to kickoff.

It is impossible to get Houston sports fans to any game on time, but it's worth the try to warn the tailgaters not to crack open another beer or start on the next burger so that they can see the actual game that they have tickets to.

Whether you choose to put the beer back in the cooler or to continue drinking, make sure you enjoy your tailgating. Because in five months, you won't be able to do it for a long time.



Caleb Bryant Miller | Daily Texan file photo

Pregame partying takes place at ground level and atop the roof of a recreational vehicle at the 2010 BCS National Championship in Pasadena, Calif.



Peter Franklin | Daily Texan file photo

Only a few fans remain in the parking lot after Texas beat Baylor 47-14 in Waco on Nov. 14, 2009



Peter Franklin | Daily Texan file photo

Tailgaters wince in agony during the Longhorns' losing battle against Ohio State on Sept. 9, 2006, on the southern fringes of the University campus.

VOLLEYBALL: Faucette, Yogi ready Horns

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tournament, perennial powerhouses Stanford University and the University of Florida, are just as formidable as opponents as the Nittany Lions and certainly cannot be overlooked. The Cardinal, which will serve as Texas' first opponent in the tournament, with a 4 p.m. first serve scheduled for today's match.

In its new role as an “underdog,” Texas will look to its two captains, junior Sydney Yogi and senior All-American Juliann Faucette, to try to help the Longhorns come away from the challenge-laden weekend with a pair of top-five wins. To do this, Yogi, Faucette and Elliott all know that they will have to lead by example and use their past experiences to guide the

youthful nature of the team into a group mindset.

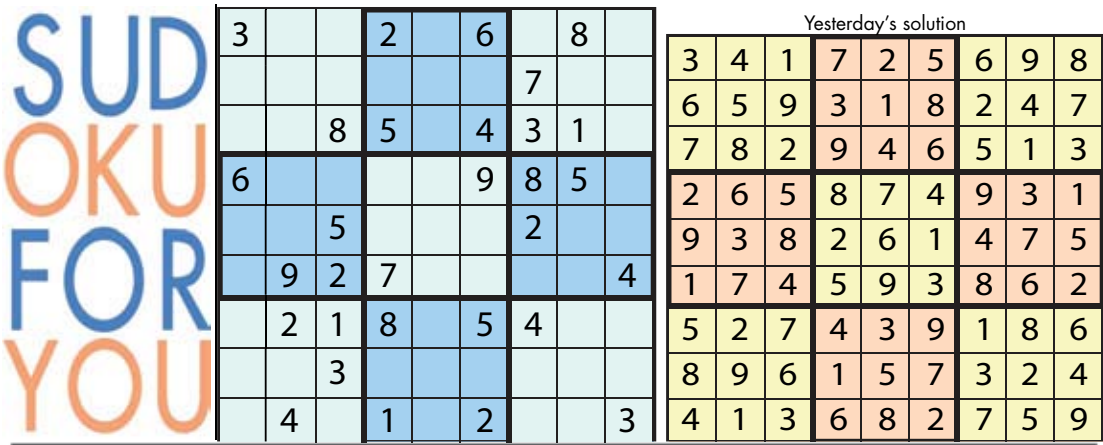
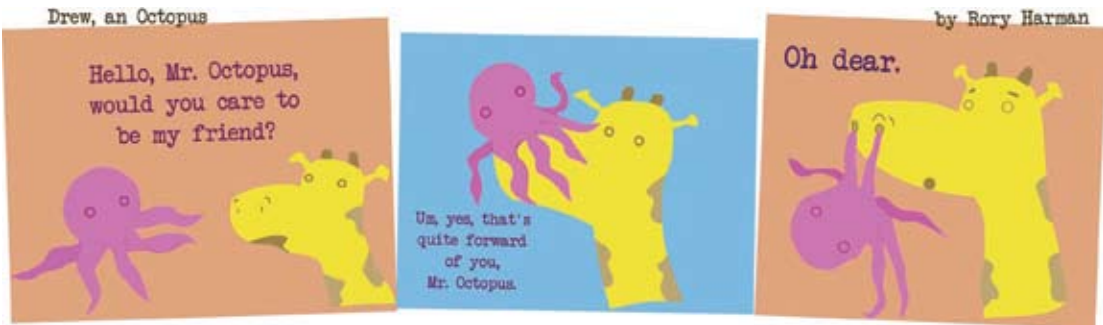
"The game is so short and anything can happen on a given night. It's about executing and putting pressure on teams," Elliott implored. "Our goal is to be in there and be competitive and give ourselves a chance to win and learn to build a lot on our chemistry, our team toughness and our unity."



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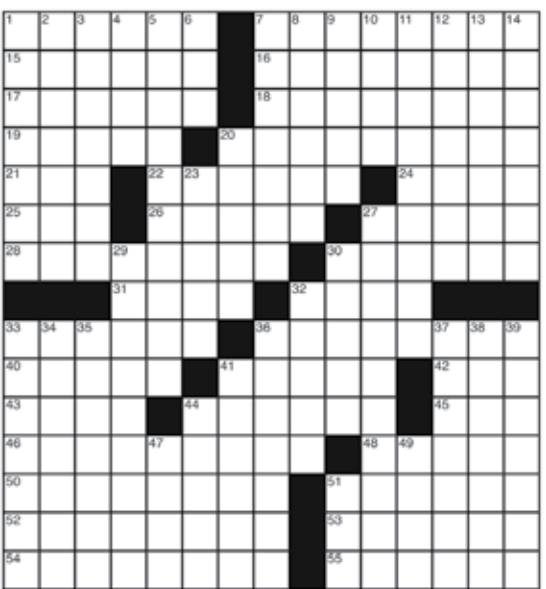
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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0806

- Across**
- 1 Prepares for the trophy room, say
 - 7 "That greeny flower" in a William Carlos Williams poem
 - 15 Husband of Denmark's Queen Margrethe
 - 16 Italian cooking style
 - 17 Maker of Emporio White perfume
 - 18 Dr. Eric Foreman's portrayer on "House"
 - 19 Con artist's crime
 - 20 Carol king
 - 21 Cheap roofing material
 - 22 Wartime bridge builder
 - 24 Prevailing character
 - 25 Sargasso Sea spawner
 - 26 Undomesticated
 - 27 Justicialist Party founder
 - 28 Arid area agriculture
 - 30 A belligerent arguer may grab them
 - 31 "Los Olvidados" director Buñuel
 - 32 El Misti's location
 - 33 Limited release
 - 36 Walks aimlessly
 - 40 Crack
 - 41 Tibiae
 - 42 Delighted expression
 - 43 Pushes (off)
 - 44 Ambulance chaser's prize
 - 45 The Fighting Tigers, for short
 - 46 Item first marketed under the name Snurfur
- Down**
- 1 Given a raw deal, slangily
 - 2 Popular rat-baiting dog in Victorian England
 - 3 Weak and craven
 - 4 Blücher (forbidding "Young Frankenstein" character)
 - 5 Is critical
 - 6 Word with pole or jump
 - 7 They reproduce via mitosis
 - 8 ___ cake (marzipan-covered dessert)
 - 9 Follow the leader?
 - 10 A leveret is a young one
 - 11 Bruce Springsteen ballad
 - 12 Censure
 - 13 Catalan relative
 - 14 Moderates
 - 20 Goes up a degree or two
 - 23 Like freakish coincidences



VIRGIN: Strong characters drive film



Photo courtesy of Sony Pictures

"The Virginity Hit," which comes out this weekend, was filmed in a documentary style that adds an innovative, hilarious view to the teen-sex comedy genre.

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(Zack Pearlman), takes it upon himself to record every event in the run-up to Matt's first time, a task that ends up ballooning after a video of Matt's failed initial attempt ends up on YouTube.

Certain elements of "The Virginity Hit" strain credibility, beginning with the only-in-the-movies group of friends that would do anything for each other and are all shockingly technology-proficient. Then there's the idea that Matt's girlfriend, Nicole (Nicole Weaver), would be so cool with Zack's incessant intrusion on a markedly personal event in their lives. Not to mention the ending, which

throws logic out the window to bring things to a predictable, upbeat close.

However, the film moves fast and keeps the laughs coming often enough to distract from most of the story issues. The film also gets a lot right, perfectly capturing the interactions between Matt, Zack and their friends Jacob (Jacob Davich) and Justin (Justin Kline), an element that's not surprising considering that the four cast members lived together for most of filming. The mostly improvised scenes of the guys hanging out are the funniest and most relatable in the film.

Unfortunately, almost everything else in the film is maddeningly inconsistent. Some

scenes manage to be legitimately hilarious (like the group's interaction with an overly friendly inn manager), but others are excessively crude or feel like leftovers from the "Superbad" script. The worst offender is a segment in which Matt is propositioned by a woman on the Internet, a story thread with too many dead scenes (including a sequence in which the gang conspires to steal a suit) and ends with an over-the-top scene that takes Matt from sympathetic to creepily desperate. The payoff to the storyline is clever, but not enough to justify the 20-minute detour.

Nonetheless, the film's dull spots are carried by the funny and well-acted characters. The

entire cast pulls their weight to make their characters memorable, especially the hilarious Pearlman, who initially resembles a second-rate Jonah Hill but quickly proves himself to be an entirely different animal, especially in a standout scene after a night of heavy drinking. The adult cast is almost uniformly great as well, with Ramona Tyler and Bernard Hocke standing out as Matt and Zack's parents.

"The Virginity Hit" is by no means perfect. It is, however, a fresh take on a tired genre, and amusing enough to make a viewing worthwhile.

Grade: B

STYLE: 'Night Out' show auctions designer fashions

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Calvin Klein, Langford Market and Waterloo Records will be among the auctioned items. Six director passes to the ongoing Austin Gay & Lesbian International Film Festival will also be offered. Proceeds from

the auction will benefit The Fortissimo Foundation, an organization dedicated to providing private music lessons to students experiencing difficult financial circumstances.

The teaming of fashion and fundraising to celebrate the retail industry is also the theme of *Fash-*

ion's Night Out, an event founded by Vogue magazine editor Anna Wintour in New York last year. Although Austin Fashion Night Out is not connected with the now-worldwide phenomenon, plans are in the works for linking the two in the coming year.

"We decided to go through

with it to get the consumers familiar with the name and idea," Martinez said. "We are working hard and diligently to get the official trademark agreement in 2011."

Free and open to the public, Fashion Night Out starts at 9 p.m. at The Belmont.

ORGANIC: Cost of food is 20 to 100 percent higher

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wayside of cheaper, nonorganic options such as Burger King and Jack-in-the-Box.

Organic food typically costs 20 to 100 percent more than conventional food. However, there are ways to get the benefits of organic food without having to fork over too much money.

"I try to buy what's in season, and that kind of lowers the price a little bit," Dula said. "If you go to farmer's markets, you're buying produce that's locally grown and keeping your dollar within the community."

Farmer's markets are good places to find locally grown organic foods. There are quite a few around Austin, so you can easily find produce that's in season while supporting the local economy.

"If food is picked closer, you're eating it a few days later, so you're getting a stronger concentration of the nutrients that can be lost in transport, like vitamin C," Staskel said. "And they're not having to worry about, 'Oh, we need to

genetically engineer this tomato so that it's tough so that it can stand this long journey.' Farmers can grow more natural foods because they're not having to worry about transporting."

Produce found with the most pesticide residues are celery, peaches, strawberries, apples, blueberries, nectarines, bell peppers, spinach, cherries, kale, collard greens, potatoes and grapes. Produce found with the lowest amount of pesticide residues are onions, avocado, sweet corn, pineapple, mangos, sweet peas, asparagus, kiwi, cabbage, eggplant, cantaloupe and watermelon. So, if possible, buying the items with the most pesticide residue organically can prevent the ingestion of residues.

"Think of those few things that you eat most often and try to buy those organic," Staskel said. "That would reduce your pesticide load. It's all about trying to make the better choices more often. It doesn't mean that you have to be perfect all the time. Every time you choose the better option, that's a better thing."

CANCER: Play aims to link victims, share experience

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myself to acknowledge, accept and experience that this actually happened."

However, Shorb said she believed that it was important to create "Una Corda," not just for herself and her own healing process, but for audience members as well.

"It's really an important emotional process for me," Shorb said. "But also I feel like I'm offering it to the audience as something I feel like a lot of audience members can relate to in some way. It has to be hard and it has to be challenging, and that's why I think it's important."

Shorb chose the name "Una Corda" for multiple reasons. First, the una corda pedal on a piano limits the instrument to one chord and helps to mute the sound. This mimics the way that cancer can often mute the lives of the people it affects.

"People who are undergoing cancer treatment, sometimes it's surprising how not sick they seem," Shorb said.

"They talk and sometimes they're active and they're loud and sometimes they still have all their hair. You start interacting with them like everything's ok, but they still have cancer. Everyone would say 'I just feel really off, not quite myself, kind of muted.'"

"Una Corda" is also Italian for "one chord." This is representative of the cord that holds together cancer survivors and the people who love them.

"Cancer is something that almost everyone I know has some kind of experience with," Shorrock said. "Most people know someone who has had cancer."

Shorb's advice for those who have loved ones fighting cancer is to allow yourself to admit that this situation is not an easy one to deal with.

"Just being able to accept and acknowledge that [the situation] is really hard," she said. "There's no shame in feeling lost and grieving and being sad and not knowing what to do. Being able to say, 'This is the hardest thing I've ever gone through.'"

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PLAY
UNA CORDA

One-woman play explores the rituals of cancer

Loss of relatives, friends because of cancer inspires woman to create play

By Sarah Pressley
Daily Texan Staff

According to the American Cancer Society, one in three women and one in two men will be diagnosed with cancer at some point in their lives. K.T. Shorb, a local writer and performer, has known three such women.

This weekend, Shorb will debut her new one-woman play, “Una Corda,” which centers on the feelings she dealt with while watching her mother and two of her close friends as they battled cancer and ultimately succumbed to the disease.

Shorb actually considers “Una Corda” to be a ritual because it focuses on the daily repetitive trials of dealing with loved ones that have cancer.

“There are a lot of different ways to look at ritual,” Shorb said. “There’s the more formalized ritual, like in the church or temple. But there’s also more informal rituals, like day-to-day things, like brushing your teeth in the morning or what you do before you go to work.”

For Shorb, these daily rituals had to change when her mother

WHAT: “Una Corda”

WHERE: Blue Theater Mainstage, 916 Springdale Road

WHEN: Friday, Sept. 10, 8 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 11 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

WEB: genericensemblecompany.blogspot.com

TICKETS: \$15, \$12 for students, seniors, and starving artists

and her best friend were both diagnosed with cancer within months of each other, and “Una Corda” shows how she dealt with that. Instead of waking up and working every morning, she suddenly found herself shuttling back and forth between the hospital rooms she would end up falling asleep in at night.

“Una Corda” was difficult for Shorb to write and perform, though. It took her three years to finish the project because she first had to come to terms with the diagnosis of her friends and family.

“Writing the text itself was a very long and arduous process,” Shorb said. “It has taken so long to actually get to exploring this topic because it’s taken that much time to really allow myself to acknowledge, accept



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K.T. Shorb portrays a woman who must deal with knowing a terminally ill loved one in “Una Corda” at The Blue Theatre on Thursday.

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Shannon Kinter | Daily Texan Staff / Associated Press

Rafael Hernandez stocks organic pears, one of the many types of organic or locally grown produce that the Wheatsville Co-op provides. The availability of organic foods at the co-op attracts many students.

Not all ‘organic’ products necessarily healthy for you

By Addie Anderson
Daily Texan Staff

The word “organic” has become synonymous with “healthy” and “good for you” as the industry grows and gains attention, but that may be assuming too much. Although it may be healthier to eat organically grown produce and meat than conventional produce and meat, the word “organic” is thrown around so much it has lost some clarity.

The label “organic” refers to the way farmers grow and process food, such as fruits, vegetables, grains, dairy products and meat. Organic farming limits the use of synthetic materials during production. Foods grown conventionally are grown on farms where pesticides, herbicides, chemical fertilizers and insecticides may be used. The food may also be genetically modified to increase shelf life and/or production. According to the Organic Trade Association, U.S. sales of organic food and beverages have grown from \$1 billion in 1990 to \$24.8 billion in 2009.

“When you’re using chemical fertilizers versus natural fertilizers, you’re not getting the full profile of the nutrients being put back into the soil,” said Deanna Staskel, a registered dietician and nutrition professor at UT. “You’re losing some of the nutrition, although there’s an argument about if organic is healthier, in a sense of, are you getting more vitamins and minerals? The overall consensus is yes, because you are getting it from soil, which is naturally richer in vitamins and minerals.”

According to the American Dental Association, some organic fruits, vegetables and juices may contain more phytochemicals, nutrients like beta-carotene that naturally occur in vegetables, compared to their conventionally grown counterparts. However, the topic is still under debate. Consuming organic food reduces exposure to agricultural pesti-

“Why even bother with organic cookies or frozen meals? It’s still processed food. It’s really your fruits and vegetables that are important.”

— Dean Staskel
Nutrition professor

cides through the food and water supply, which may be detrimental to your health, particularly for high-risk groups such as pregnant women, infants and young children. As for meat, the conventionally raised animals take in the pesticide residues from their feed and the chemical residues get concentrated in the animals’ tissue. When we eat that meat, we are consuming those residues.

Although eating organic is healthy and good for you com-

pared to conventionally grown food, some falsely believe that anything labeled “organic” is good for you.

“Why even bother with organic cookies or frozen meals? It’s still processed food,” Staskel said. “It’s really your fruits and vegetables that are important. I would say try choosing organic milk to avoid hormones and pesticides. Try to choose organic when you can.”

TerraBurger, a burger shop at The Arboretum, serves up organic hamburgers, french fries and milkshakes. The burger is made with hormone-free, grass-fed organic beef but still comes out to have 504 calories and 27 grams of fat. Sure, the burger may be better in comparison with Burger King’s Whopper, with 670 calories and 40 grams of fat, but even if it’s organic, that does not mean it’s good for you.

“There are very few restaurants that cater to an organic lifestyle, and Don definitely wanted to introduce something that everyone would typically eat,” Richard Sniffen, manager of the Research Boulevard location, said about one of the TerraBurger partners, Don Craven. “So hamburgers came naturally. Don and George [Walas] collaborated to bring something healthier to the market as well as a facility that is eco-friendly.”

The Guadalupe location of TerraBurger closed in May after a little more than a year of business. At \$5.99 for a burger and \$10 if you added fries and a drink, this option may have fallen to the

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MOVIE REVIEW
THE VIRGINITY HIT

‘Virginity Hit’ experiments with teen-sex comedy genre

By Alex Williams
Daily Texan Staff

“The Virginity Hit” puts a modern spin on the teen sex comedy, taking the classic story of the teenager trying to lose his virginity and presenting it as something filmed by his friends, “Blair Witch”-style. The film is also an experimental venture for producer Adam

McKay, filmed under the radar in Louisiana and unveiled in July at Comic-Con.

The film focuses on Matt (Matt Bennett), a typically awkward teenager and the only virgin remaining in his group of friends. His adoptive brother and best friend, Zack

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WHAT: “The Virginity Hit”

WHERE: Regal Gateway 16

WHEN: Starting today at 9:30 p.m., this weekend only

WEB: www.fandango.com/regalgateway16

TICKETS: \$10



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Designers will show off local fashions at tonight’s Austin Fashion Night Out, inspired by Vogue editor Anna Wintour’s Fashion Night Out, which debuted in New York last year.

Austin fashion community makes charity stylish, celebrates growth

By Carly Cummins
Daily Texan Staff

Although it may not yet rival trendsetting New York or Los Angeles, Austin’s fashion community will be celebrating its fast growth and eccentric style at tonight’s first annual Austin Fashion Night Out.

The social and charitable event will include music, drinks, a fashion show, a silent auction and the opportunity to mingle with sharply dressed Austinites of every profession in the fashion industry.

“The idea is to highlight and bring community and consumer awareness to the Austin fashion scene. Austin has a lot of great local designers,” said Anthony Martinez, founder and director of operations

at Luxe PR & Promotions and the founder of Austin Fashion Night Out.

With an abundance of models, photographers, designers and retailers together in one place, the event provides the perfect opportunity for aspiring students to network.

“Any UT student can benefit from this event ... even if you couldn’t be interested in fashion at the least,” said textiles and apparel junior Sara Essoufi. “An experience of learning how to better mingle with true adults and business types makes real moves in today’s economy.”

The fashion show will kick off at 10:30 p.m. and feature looks from Langford Market, the newest boutique in Austin’s Second Street District, as well as

WHAT: Austin Fashion Night Out

WHERE: The Belmont, 305 W. Sixth St.

WHEN: Today, 9 p.m.

WEB: luxeprandpromotions.com

TICKETS: Free

world-renowned brands such as Calvin Klein, Betsey Johnson and La Perla.

Since no fashion event would be complete without a little shopping, attendees will be able to place bids on more than 100 donated items at the silent auction. Products from

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